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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT PEREZ STATE VISIT AND EUROPEAN TRIP

REF: A) CARACAS 1426, B) CARACAS 1493

1. THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS DENIED TO US THAT PRESIDENT PEREZ HAD DECIDED TO GO AHEAD AND SCHEDULE A TRIP TO EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST AS REPORTED REFTEL B. DIRECTOR GENERAL FOREIGN MINISTRY TOLD US TODAY THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD ENGAGED IN AN "EXERCISE" (ENSAYO) WITH REGARD TO DATES TO A PRESIDENTIAL TRIP TO FRANCE AND ELSEWHERE, BUT THIS HAD BEEN TURNED OFF BY PRESIDENT. AT PRESENT, HE SAID, NO SPECIFIC DATES ARE SET FOR A VISIT ANYWHERE, AND CAP IS STILL AWAITING WORD ON WASHINGTON VISIT. IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH DCM TODAY, MINISTER OF INFORMATION DIEGO ARRIA BROUGHT UP THE QUESTION OF THE VISIT ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE AND URGED THAT EVERYTHING BE DONE TO FIX AN EARLY DATE FOR A VISIT.

2. COMMENT. CAP'S EXPECTATION OF A WASHINGTON VISIT APPARENTLY REMAINS THE CENTERPIECE OF HIS PLANS, AND THE SITUATION POSED BY THESE EXPECTATIONS AND HOPES IN TURN POSES THE DELICATE CONFIDENTIAL

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